

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 5, 2020

He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

**Isaiah 40:11**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing**

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 8 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF DAVID.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

**because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Hymn of Preparation**

Hymn 111

### *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** We confess that though you have shown us such grace, we have sinned against you and others. Our sins are shameful to us and offensive to you. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you.

**Leader:** Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All:** Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

### First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

### Congregational Response

Hymn 56

#### *When All Your Mercies, O My God*

When all your mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul your tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft have you with health renewed my face;  
And when in sins and sorrows sunk, revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Through ev'ry period of my life your goodness I'll pursue;  
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise;  
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 45.** *What is the first commandment?*

**A.** The first commandment is: “You shall have no other gods before me.”

**Q. 46.** *What is required in the first commandment?*

**A.** The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

**Q. 47.** *What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

**A.** The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving to any other of that worship and glory due to him alone.

**Q. 48.** *What are we especially taught by the words, “before me,” in the first commandment?*

**A.** These words, “before me,” in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Gloria Patri

Hymn 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-7

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 8:1-6, 9])

Hymn 114

### *Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name*

Lord, our Lord, thy glorious name  
All thy wondrous works proclaim;  
In the heav'ns with radiant signs  
Evermore thy glory shines.  
Infant lips thou dost ordain  
Wrath and vengeance to restrain;  
Weakest means fulfill thy will,  
Mighty enemies to still.

Moon and stars in shining height  
Nightly tell their Maker's might;  
When thy wondrous heav'ns I scan,  
Then I know how weak is man.  
What is man that he should be  
Loved and visited by thee,  
Raised to an exalted height,  
Crowned with honor in thy sight?

With dominion crowned he stands  
O'er the creatures of thy hands;  
All to him subjection yield  
In the sea and air and field.  
Lord, our Lord, thy glorious name  
All thy wondrous works proclaim;  
Thine the name of matchless worth,  
Excellent in all the earth. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer** (based on 1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Sermon**

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep”  
John 10:11-21

1. The Good Shepherd died in my place (vv. 11-13).  
Romans 5:8
2. The Good Shepherd died according to plan (vv. 14-15).  
John 6:37-40  
Acts 2:23
3. The Good Shepherd died for a multitude of people (v. 16).  
Revelation 7:9-12
4. The Good Shepherd died willingly (vv. 17-18).  
John 18:1-11

I no longer need to fear judgment.  
I am dead to sin and alive to God.

## **GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 252

### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### **Congregational Benediction Response**

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The doctrine of limited atonement is one of the doctrines of grace. While there are many reasons why some Christians struggle to understand this doctrine correctly, it is nonetheless a truth in the Bible that reveals our Triune God's wise decree and sovereign grace. Ryan McGraw explains:

The united work of the Trinity shows clearly why Christ died for the elect only. The Father chose believers in Christ before time began (Ephesians 1:4-5). The Holy Spirit is the Father's seal of ownership on the elect (Ephesians 1:13-14). No one receives the things of God or confesses that Jesus is Lord except by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 12:3). The Father calls his elect to Christ by his Word and Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:16-18; James 1:18). The Trinity is undivided and indivisible. Christ's death extends as far as the Father's electing purpose (Acts 2:23) and the Spirit's effecting power (Acts 13:48). It is not that the Father chose some and the Spirit changes some while Christ died for all. The Father saves by particular election, the Son by particular redemption, and the Spirit by particular calling. The Son will not be the broken link in the chain. Neither is Christ's work divided. He does not pray for the world, that the Father would keep them, that they should be one, and that they should be sanctified in the truth (John 17:11, 19). He prayed these things for those whom the Father chose and gave to Christ (John 17:3, 6, 9-10). The Son applies his death to the elect through his intercession so that they can be with him where he is (John 17:24). Those for whom he died die to sin in him, just as those for whom he rose rise to new life (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). God does what he does because he is who he is. God is Triune, and the atonement is a unified Trinitarian act in purpose, production, and perfection.

1. For review, read John 10:1-10. How is Jesus different from the bad leaders of Israel (those identified as the "bad shepherds" according to Ezekiel 34)?
2. Was there a point in your faith or in your becoming Reformed that you struggled with the doctrine of limited atonement? What was it that helped you accept and rejoice in this doctrine? How would you explain this doctrine to a Christian who is struggling to understand it?
3. Read John 10:11-18 and John 17. What similarities do you see in these passages?
4. Re-read Ryan McGraw's description above about why understanding the united work of the Trinity in our salvation helps us understand limited atonement. Have you considered this before? What other doctrines can you think of that are clearly connected to the doctrine of limited atonement?
5. In preparation for next week, read John 10:22-42. What do you learn about the perseverance of the saints in these verses?

# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.  
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

## Monday, July 6

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 2:18 - 4:4; Acts 24:1-27; Psalm 4:1-8; Proverbs 18:16-18  
Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 10  
Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## Tuesday, July 7

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:5 - 5:17; Acts 25:1-27; Psalm 5:1-12; Proverbs 18:19  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 38  
Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## Wednesday, July 8

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 5:18 - 6:81; Acts 26:1-32; Psalm 6:1-10; Proverbs 18:20-21  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 39  
Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in Tuvalu and persecuted Christians.

## Thursday, July 9

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 7:1 - 8:40; Acts 27:1-20; Psalm 7:1-17; Proverbs 18:22  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 40  
Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## Friday, July 10

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 9:1 - 10:14; Acts 27:21-44; Psalm 8:1-9; Proverbs 18:23-24  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 41  
Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

## Saturday, July 11

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:1 - 12:18; Acts 28:1-31; Psalm 9:1-12; Proverbs 19:1-3  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 42  
Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## Sunday, July 12

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 12:19 - 14:17; Romans 1:1-17; Psalm 9:13-20; Proverbs 19:4-5  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 43  
Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## MISSIONS CORNER

*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain  
and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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